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Dear Joshua:

Since returning from an uneventful summer I also have been breaking in a technician. This seems harder on me than on her as it necessitates my allowing someone else to do things that I've been so long accustomed to do for myself.

I have as planned returned to the phage work. This still being the bread and butter of the laboratory. Things are still up in the air so I won't attempt to discuss it at this time.

Protoplasts are being used by my student for the study of DNA effects. We are really pushing this hard with every conceivable variation but as yet there is nothing to report. It looks as if the most important unique addition of protoplasts of coli will be on the action of penicillin and lysozyme with the former of course the more significant. With you, I don't see what more can be said without further work but you shouldn't feel restrained about reparting yourself in a note to J Bact as it will reach a more appropriate audinum audience than the Proceedings.

We here are very excited about the well known secret of Tatum's coming. The other part of the secret is that he shall arrive in January.

Best regards

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